GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4618
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CAUSES OF FIRE IN SAROJINI NAGAR MARKET
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether four members of family died in Sarojini Nagar market fire on 21.3.2002;

(b) if so, whether the causes of the fire have been known by now;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the measures taken to check such incidents in future;

(e) whether the shopkeepers have constructed basements in the shops which were not constructed initially by the Government;

(f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

(g) whether the Government propose to remove all such basements;

(h) if so, the details thereof; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) have taken steps to remove obstacles on the paved area in front of shops to facilitate entry of fire tankers. In-built fire fighting system has also been provided in NDMC buildings/shopping complexes in accordance with the recommendations of Delhi Fire Service.

(e)to(i): Some shopkeepers have constructed basements in their shops. The New Delhi Municipal Council have already taken action as per law in respect of unauthorized construction of basement made at eight shops and a survey has been launched to identify any other unauthorized construction in the area for similar action.